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Dear Mr. Vu:

Enclosed is a clean copy of the amended patent application, a revision marked copy of which is submitted contemporaneously herewith.

If you need additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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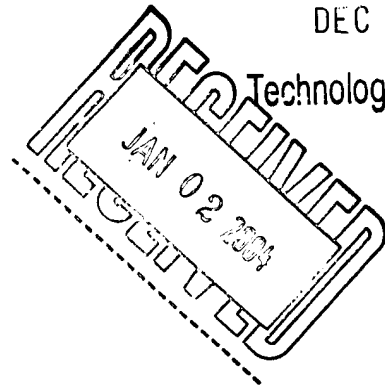
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Dear Mr. Vu:

Over three years have passed since I initially submitted this patent application and much of the technology has changed since then. Hopefully, the enclosed updated and amended version of this patent application will address the items disclosed in the Detailed Action ("DA") you sent me but I feel it best to respond to them in a letter as well.

Paragraph 1 of the DA states that "Claims 1-31 have been submitted for examination. In fact, there were 21 claims in the original patent application and not 31.

I understand the quotation of the first paragraph from 35 U.S.C. 112 to mean that you were not able to identify the CALL PULL-BACK technology. At the time of the original application for the within patent, the CALL PULL-BACK technology patent had not yet been issued. The CALL PULL-BACK technology described in this patent application, both as originally presented and as amended herewith, is the technology that is disclosed in the issued U.S. patent, Serial No. 6,088,437, dated July 11, 2000. A copy of this patent is included in the appendix.